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SUBJECT: BRITISH VIEWS ON CONSUMER/PRODUCER CONFERENCE: POSSIBLE PRE-CONFERENCE LOBBYING ON AGENDA

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1. FCO HAS GIVEN US INFORMAL RUNDOWN ON POLL OF UK EMBASSIES IN VARIOUS OIL PRODUCER AND DEVELOPING COUNTRY CAPITALS CONCERNING HOST COUNTRY ATTITUDES TOWARD ALGERIAN PROPOSALS FOR INCLUSION OF RAW MATERIALS AND NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER ON AGENDA OF CONSUMER/PRODUCER CONFERENCE. FCO INITIATIVE STEMMED FROM CONCERNS WHICH SIR DONALD MAITLAND EXPRESSED AFTER HIS RECENT TALKS WITH ALGERIANS (SEE REFTEL).

2. ACCORDING TO FCO, ALL POSTS QUERIED (TEHRAN, JIDDA, KINSHASA,V BRASILIA, CARACAS, DELHI, ISLAMABAD, HAVANA, ACCRA, LIMA, LAGOS, BAGHDAD, DAKAR, MEXICO, KUWAIT, RABAT AND DACCA) ANTICIPATE THAT, LIKE IT OR NOT, HOST COUNTRY WILL FEEL COMPELLED TO AGREE WITH ALGERIAN PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE AGENDA ITEM ON RAW MATERIALS. WITH REGARD, HOWEVER, TO ALGERIAN PROPOSAL THAT PRIOR ACCEPTANCE OF NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER (NWEO) BE CONSIDERED A PRE-CONDITION TO ATTENDANCE AT CONSUMER/PRODUCER CONFERENCE, POST EVALUATIONS ARE LESS UNIFORM, WITH INDICATION OF POSSIBLE SPLIT DEVELOPING BETWEEN NON-OIL LDCS AND PRODUCERS.

3. FCO IMPRESSION IS THAT MOST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL BE INCLINED UNDER ALGERIAN DURESS TO GO ALONG ON NWEO PRECONDITION, EVEN IF THIS TURNS OUT TO BE LESS THAN FIRMLY AGREED OPEC POSITION. ALGERIA'S FELLOW OIL PRODUCERS MAY, HOWEVER, REGISTER SIGNIFICANT DISSENT AND POSSIBLY THWART DEVELOPMENT OF COMMON OPEC POSITION ON THIS POINT. SOME FELLOW PRODUCERS RESENT ALGERIAN ATTEMPTS AT RAILROADING AND, MOREOVER, HAVE MUCH TO LOSE SHOULD PROPOSED CONFERENCE WITH CONSUMERS FAIL TOTALLY. SAUDIS, IRANIANS BUT ALSO VENEZUELANS, KUWAITIS AND EVENIRAQIS PURPORTEDLY FALL IN THIS CATEGORY.

4. PRELIMINARY FCO CONCLUSION IS THAT IT WOULD BE ES-
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PECIALLY WORTHWHILE LOBBYING OPEC PRODUCERS, SAVE ALGERIA PERHAPS, GIVING SOME GROUND ON SHADOW BUT NOT ON SUBSTANCE SPECIFICALLY, THIS MEANS INSISTING ON SERIOUS DISCUSSION OF OIL AND RELATED MATTERS AND POSSIBLY EXPRESSING WILLINGNESS TO TAKE UP COMMODITY QUESTIONS IN OTHER FORA WHILE OPPOSING NWEO. LOBBYING OF LDCS MIGHT BE DONE ON SELECTED BASIS SINCE WE HAVE LITTLE OF CONSEQUENCE TO SAY OR OFFER TO MANY OF THEM. FCO IS PUTTING UP SPECIFIC

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INTERDEPARTMENTAL CONSIDERATION ON
MARCH 26 AND HOPES TO MAKE HMG APPROACH TO DEPARTMENT
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